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SUBJECT : SUMMARY OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS IN MAJOR COFFEE

PRODUCING AREAS

1. FAS SURVEYED COFFEE PRODUCING AREAS OF PARANA, SAO PAULO AND SOUTHWEST MINAS GERAIS STATES FROM AUGUST 26 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4. IN PARANA AND WESTERN SAO PAULO DEEPLY PRUNED OR STUMPED FROST-DAMAGED COFFEE TREES CONTINUE IN VERY GOOD VEGETATIVE CONDITION WITH LUSH GREEN GROWTH REFLECTING PREVAILING FAVORABLE WEATHER FACTORS TOGETHER WITH GENEROUS FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS SINCE OUR APRIL 1976 SURVEY. IN EASTERN SAO PAULO AND SOUTHWEST MINAS GERAIS COFFEE TREES WHICH WERE NOT AFFECTED BY THE 1975 DEVAS-TATING FREEZE ARE ALSO IN VERY GOOD GROWTH CONDITION PROMISING A GOOD PRODUCTION POTENTIAL FOR THE 1977 HARVEST. IN ALL THREE STATES COFFEE TREES HAVE HAD A GOOD FIRST FLOWERING IN LATE AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER WITH SUBSEQUENT SATISFACTORY BERRY SETTING. ONE OR TWO MAJOR FLOWERINGS CAN BE EXPECTED DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. ADEQUATE RAINS BETWEEN NOW AND EARLY JANUARY ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAXIMIZE THE PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW COFFEE BERRIES. IN EARLY JANUARY IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO OUTLINE A PRELIMINARY FORECAST FOR BRAZIL'S 1977 COFFEE HARVEST.

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2. BRAZIL'S 1976/77 COFFEE CROP NOW COMPLETELY HARVESTED AND

CURRENTLY ESTIMATED BY IBC AT BETWEEN $6.8\,\mathrm{AND}\,7.3\,\mathrm{MILLION}$ BAGS. SOME COFFEE EXPORTERS SAID THIS CROP MAY BE BELOW $6\,\mathrm{MILLION}$ BAGS. OUR ESTIMATE FOR THIS CROP CONTINUES AT $9.5\,\mathrm{MILLION}$ BAGS. DEXTER

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